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Testimony In Support Of House Bill NO. 7244
An Act Concerning The Property Tax Exemption For Veterans Having Disability Ratings.

Veterans Committee Public Hearing - March 7, 2019

Honorable Co-Chairs Senator Maroney and Representative Borer, Honorable Vice-Chairs Senator Abrams and Representative Boyd, Ranking Members Senator Logan and Representative Vail, and members of the Veterans Affairs Committee:

Thank you for allowing me the opportnity to to submit testimony on House Bill 7244, An Act Concerning The Property Tax Exemption For Veterans Having Disability Ratings.

I support this measure which is similar to my bill, HB 5671, also referred to the Veterans' Committee. I agree this would be a tremendous benefit to a surviving spouse or minor children left behind, and I would also like to see this exemption extended to Gold Star Parents. The City of Waterbury is home to possibly seven Gold Star Parents.

This law, combined with the additional line from mine about Gold Star parents, will help alleviate the property tax burden on a veteran's family.

We must do more for our veterans and a tax waiver like this is a very small investment for those who willingly serve their country and leave families behind. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

State Representative,

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